

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

19 MAR. 1962
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Argentina

Fronidizi, maneuvering furiously to avoid being unseated by the military, has declared federal "intervention" in all provinces won by the Peronist party

[REDACTED] This in effect nullifies the election. As of now, the military are calling the shots, and, even if Fronidizi comes through this latest crisis, the electoral result has turned him into a political invalid.

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2. Algeria

The general strike called by the OAS has begun in Algeria. It is accompanied by an outpouring of verbal defiance, but the expected wave of terror has not yet developed. Moslems are throwing up barricades around their quarters in Algiers and Oran.

3. Adoula and Tshombé finally meet

a. The cat-and-mouse game ended yesterday when the two sat down together in Leopoldville. We have a better line on Tshombé's opening position--an offer to trade financial help in return for a loose federation--than on Adoula's, but it is certain that they will have to travel some distance to get onto the same ground.

b. On the eve of the meeting Adoula was taking an increasingly tough line with the UN people, telling them that, unless the Katanga problem is solved by the end of April, the Leopoldville government would take things into its own hands. The UN thinks there is more bark than bite here, but Embassy Leopoldville is disturbed.

4. Guatemalan situation

There was a decline in violence over the week end, but the fate of the Ydigoras government is still up in the air.

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5. Soviet ambassador registers pain over Indonesian policy

As Foreign Minister Subandrio tells it, the Soviet ambassador to Djakarta was anything but diplomatic when they talked about the latest developments on New Guinea late last week, charging that the Indonesians were "in danger of falling into the trap of America." Subandrio says that his rejoinder was that the Indonesians can take care of themselves and that the Soviets ran the risk of pushing too hard. His conclusion: the ambassador's real fear is that the Soviets would be caught in a position of putting up most of the money while the US walks off with the laurels.

6. South Korean junta
deals blow to public
cohesion

The military-civilian gulf in South Korea has been opened wider by last Friday's decree giving the junta the right to black-ball civilian politicians for the next 6 years. President Yun, the only important civilian holdover in the government, has agreed to hold off on his threat to resign, but the regime's already-narrow base of support seems certain to be further constricted.

NOTES

- A. No Soviet flights have been scheduled for today in the Berlin corridors.
- B. The Pathet Lao yesterday resumed mortar bombardment of the Nam Tha airfield, firing one round every two minutes.
- C. A tense watchfulness prevails in both Damascus and Tel Aviv, but the Syrian-Israeli border has remained quiet since Saturday morning. Present indications are that the Syrians were spoiling for trouble in order to: (1) set the stage internally for a Syrian-Iraqi military entente, and (2) put some cement into their own political cracks.
- D. The Japanese Socialist party is determined to make a big issue over the government's agreement to repay the US \$490 million for post-war rehabilitation assistance. The outcome may be a campaign of public demonstrations and violence such as accompanied the security treaty issue in 1960.

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